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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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FOR LEGAL COUNSEL

ALSO PASS ARA/MGT AND GEORGE KRIEGER ARA/MGT/FM

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFIN, NU

SUBJECT: EMBEZZLEMENT OF EMBASSY MANAGUA IMPREST FUNDS

1. SUBJECT AND ACCOMPLICE WHO ABSCONDED WITH EMBASSY IMPREST FUNDS WERE APPREHENDED IN MADRID BY SPANISH POLICE AUTHORITIES. THEY VOLUNTARILY REQUESTED TO RETURN TO MANAGUA, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD INITIATED REQUIRED LEGAL PROCEDURES TO RETURN THEM THROUGH NICARAGUAN AND SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S LEGAL CHANNELS.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY LEGATT MEXICO THAT SUBJECTS HAVE VOLUNTARILY REVEALED THAT ALLEGEDLY APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS INVESTED IN NICARAGUA PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. SINCE THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION BY SPANISH POLICE AT TIME OF THEIR DETAINMENT THERE REMAINS APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ACCOUNT FOR, IF IT IS SUBSEQUENTLY PROVEN THAT THE THIRTY THOUSAND IS INVESTED IN MANAGUA AND CAN BE RECUPERATED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE DEMAND FOR DETENTION AND ARREST WAS SIGNED BY THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE FROM A LEGAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT IF THE EMBASSY'S INTERESTS WERE REPRESENTED BY A REPUTABLE LEGAL COUNSEL. EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO RETAIN AND CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF A

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NICARAGUAN LAWYER TO REPRESENT ITS INTEREST IN THE RECOVERY OF

MISSING IMPREST FUNDS. IF AUTHORIZED, REQUEST FISCAL DATA.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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